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PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN LEE'S SUMMIT IN AQUILA ELECTRIC RATE CASE

JEFFERSON CITY---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Lee's Summit** on **January 22, 2007**, to receive customer comment on an electric rate case filed by Aquila, Inc. This local public hearing will also give customers an opportunity to bring any service related issues to the Commission's attention.

The **Lee's Summit** local public hearing schedule appears below:

January 22, 2007
Lee's Summit North High School
Performing Arts Center
901 Northeast Douglas
5:30 pm*

***Informal question answer session begins. The local public hearing starts approximately 30 minutes later and will conclude when the last witness has testified.**

Consumers unable to attend the local public hearing and wish to make written comments may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857, e-mail opcservice@ded.mo.gov or the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211, e-mail pscinfo@psc.mo.gov

This local public hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

On July 3, 2006, Aquila, Inc. filed an electric rate case with the Public Service Commission. According to Aquila's news release, the electric company is seeking to increase annual electric revenues in its MPS service area by approximately \$94.5 million and by approximately \$24.4 million in its SJLP (formerly St. Joseph Light & Power) service area.

According to the company, the requested rates would increase the bills of an MPS residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month by \$21.19 a month. For a SJLP residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, Aquila says the increase would be \$16.09 a month. The proposed increase is approximately 22% in each of the company's service territories.

The rate case filing also includes a request to implement a fuel adjustment clause. A fuel adjustment clause, if approved by the Commission, would allow increases or decreases in fuel and purchased power costs occurring after base electric rates are set by this current rate case to be passed through to customers as a separate line on customer bills. Increases in fuel and purchased power costs above base electric rates would be applied to customer bills via a separate and additional charge and decreases would be applied to customer bills via a credit.

Aquila, Inc. provides electric service to approximately 235,500 customers in its MPS service area and to approximately 64,500 electric customers in its SJLP service area.